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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed September 16, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.